

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1256**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 12517.2 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1256, as introduced, Bermudez. Vehicles: schoolbus drivers.

Existing law requires an applicant for an original or renewal certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle to submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles a report of a medical examination of the applicant given not more than two years prior to the date of the application by a physician licensed to practice medicine.

This bill, additionally, would authorize the medical examination to be given by a licensed doctor of chiropractic.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 12517.2 of the Vehicle Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     12517.2. (a) Applicants for an original or renewal certificate  
4     to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general  
5     public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle shall submit a  
6     report of a medical examination of the applicant given not more  
7     than two years prior to the date of the application by a physician  
8     licensed to practice medicine *or a licensed doctor of*

1 *chiropractic*. The report shall be on a form approved by the  
2 department, the Federal Highway Administration, or the Federal  
3 Aviation Administration.

4 (b) Schoolbus drivers, within the same month of reaching the  
5 age of 65 and each 12th month thereafter, shall undergo a  
6 physical examination, pursuant to Section 12804.9, and submit a  
7 report of medical examination on a form as specified in  
8 subdivision (a).